

House Children & Family Affairs Committee
Amendment No. 1 (as amended)

Amendment No. 1 to HB1662

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-106, is amended by deleting item (10) and by substituting instead the following:

(10) Provide appropriate training, either through the department or by contract, to individuals within the department and require comparable training for staff of other entities delivering services for the department of children's services. Such training shall include, but not be limited to, cultural sensitivity training to better prepare staff to work with families and children of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Measurements shall be established to determine the effectiveness of such training, and the measured effectiveness of such training shall be summarized within the department's annual report required by Section 37-5-105(4);

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-105(4), is amended by deleting the words and punctuation "and the Tennessee commission on children and youth, and others as the governor may consider appropriate:" and by substituting instead the following:

the Tennessee commission on children and youth, the select committee on children and youth, the committee on children and family affairs of the house of representatives and such others as the governor may consider appropriate. The report shall include the following information reported by ethnicity of children in state custody.

(A) The number of children needing special education, drug and alcohol treatment, sexual abuse treatment, independent living skills, serious physical needs, and serious mental health needs;

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(B) The level of placement (I-IV) and type of placement (foster care, group home, youth development centers) and the number of children in state facilities and in contract facilities;

(C) Treatment received;

(D) The length of time in custody;

(E) The number of children placed out-of-region reported by placement type and by home county;

(F) The number of placements in state custody;

(G) The type of permanency achieved (adoption, returned home, became adult, etc.);

(H) The percentage of children involved in incidents and child protective services (CPS) investigations while in custody and rates of return to custody;

(I) The frequency of children receiving early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT);

(J) The frequency of children receiving psychological evaluations;

(K) The frequency of mental health diagnosis;

(L) Adjudication;

(M) The ratio of minority staff providing direct treatment to minority children in both state and contracted facilities serving such children in state custody;

(N) The results of cultural sensitivity training as required by § 37-5-106;

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(O) The number of children coming into state custody whose families fall below the poverty line.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it.